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FOR: COLLATED ROAD MARKER ASSEMBLY, AND
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY APPLYING
COLLATED ROAD MARKERS TO ROADWAY SURFACES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby desires to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following **PRIOR ART** of which Applicant is aware and which is also listed upon the attached **PTO FORM 1449**:

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Speer et al.	WO 95/2731

The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a collated array of temporary raised pavement markers (TRPMs), and an apparatus and method for stripping the temporary raised pavement markers (TRPM) from a release sheet and applying the same to a pavement surface. The collated array of pavement markers are mounted upon a single release sheet, and folded portions of the release sheet are interposed between successive pavement markers in such manner that when the folded portions of the release sheet are unfolded, feather-edge bond structure defined between the folded portions

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of the release sheet and the adhesive material of each pavement marker is effectively recombined such that the release sheet can be readily and easily separated, peeled, and stripped from the individual pavement markers.

While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional pavement markers, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular apparatus and method of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

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